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SCOPING COMMENTS FOR BDCP EIR/EIS, MAY 30, 2008 from

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Dear Ms. Brown:

The following items should be addressed by those persons undertaking a study of the impact of the BDCP on the environment.

1. How would this "tidal marsh wetland" be managed to avoid the encroachment of non-native weed species? What would be the cost in terms of personnel and materials, and to the environment, to keep such weeds under control?
2. It has been advised that grocery stores buy locally to avoid the added expense of trucking in produce. The extremely fertile northern delta farm land is well situated to provide food crops to the Sacramento Metro area. Would permanently removing this land from agricultural production impact the future availability of locally grown produce for the people of Sacramento?
3. How would the "tidal marsh wetland" function to assure that the species of endangered fish would thrive? Would not the river otters, beaver, and birds (particularly the pelicans) feast upon the fish and would not these animals become too numerous and then have to be controlled? What assurances are there that the creation of this "tidal marsh wetland" would have the intended outcome?
4. How would the climate change by creating a vast marsh near the Sacramento area? Would the air become more humid? What would happen to the "delta breeze"?
5. What would happen to the mosquito population if this gigantic marsh was created? Would there be enough fish to eat the mosquito larvae? Would the incidence of West Nile Virus increase in the Sacramento area? What threshold of the incidence of West Nile Virus must be met before spraying the marsh would begin? What impact would such spraying have on the environment and the people still living in the delta?
6. If adopted, literally thousands of acres of prime farm land would be flooded. What would be the impact to those families currently farming this land? Of what strategic importance is this farm land to the security of the United States and this country's ability to feed its citizens?
7. The area to be flooded is referred to as a "tidal marsh wetland." In the northern delta, near Sacramento, would the tide action be sufficient to create the intended effect, or would the marsh become a gigantic pool of stagnant water?

Thank you for reading my comments. I grew up on my parents' farm one mile north of Clarksburg in the Lisbon District. I visit often to help maintain their property.

Sincerely,

Laura Schneider

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